

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraphs at page 3, lines 1 through 19, as follows:

An image data verification system according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention is an image data verification system having an image generation device and a first verification data generation device. ~~The , characterized in that the image~~ generation device includes: an image data generation unit adapted to generate means for generating image data; and a first verification data generation unit adapted to generate means for generating first verification data for from the image data using first information and not using public key cryptography. ~~The , and the~~ verification data generation device includes: a first verification unit adapted to verify, using the image data, the first verification data, and the first information, means for verifying whether the image data is altered or not, and a by using the image data, the first verification data, and the first information; and second verification data generation unit adapted to generate means for, if the image data is not altered, generating second verification data for from the image data by using second information and public key cryptography, if it is verified by the first verification unit that the image data is not altered.

Please insert the following paragraphs at page 3, after line 19:

An image verification system according to another preferred embodiment of the invention includes an image generation device, a first image verification device, and a

connection device adapted to be connected to the image generation device and the first image verification device. The image generation device includes (a) an image data generation unit adapted to generate image data; and (b) a first verification data generation unit adapted to generate first verification data from the image data using first information and not using public key cryptography. The connection device provides the image data and the first verification data to the first image verification device, which includes: (a) a first verification unit adapted to verify, using the image data, the first verification data and the first information, whether the image data is altered or not; and (b) a second verification data generation unit adapted to generate second verification data from the image data using second information and public key cryptography, if it is verified by the first verification unit that the image data is not altered.

According to yet another preferred embodiment of the invention, an image verification device includes (a) a verification unit adapted to verify, using image data, first verification data and first information, whether the image data is altered or not, wherein the image data and the first verification data are generated in an image generation device, and the first verification data is generated from the image data using the first information and not using public key cryptography; and (b) a verification data generation unit adapted to generate second verification data from the image data using second information and public key cryptography, if it is verified by said verification unit that the image data is not altered.

According to still another preferred embodiment of the invention, an image verification method comprises the steps of (a) verifying, using image data, first verification data and first information, whether the image data is altered or not, wherein the image data

and the first verification data are generated in an image generation device, and the first verification data is generated from the image data using the first information and not using public key cryptography, and (b) generating second verification data from the image data using second information and public key cryptography, if it is verified in the verifying step that the image data is not altered.